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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN MARXIST ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SOMALIA

THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORKERS LIBERATION LEAGUE (WLL),  
TREVOR MUNROE, ONE OF JAMAICA'S MOST VOCAL AND AGGRESSIVE  
MARXISTS, HAS WRITTEN A LETTER CONCERNING THE SOVIET, CUBAN  
AND AMERICAN ROLES IN THE ETHIOPIAN/SOMALI CONFLICT WHICH  
APPEARED IN "THE GLEANER" OF FEBRUARY 15. MUNROE, WHO HAS  
BEEN THE MENTOR OF MANY OF THE "RADICALS" IN THE RULING  
PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) AND ITS YOUTH ORGANIZATION,  
AS WELL AS OF OTHERS FURTHER LEFT THAN THE PNP, WRITES AS  
FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE: THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS LAUNCHED  
A CAMPAIGN IN THE FOREIGN PRESS AND IN THE GLEANER AGAINST  
CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION FOR HELPING ETHIOPIA DEFEND ITS  
ITS TERRITORY AGAINST THE INVASION FROM SOMALIA. IT IS  
CLEAR THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO PRESSURE  
THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT INTO CRITICIZING CUBA FOR HELPING  
ETHIOPIA, JUST AS KISSINGER DID ON THE ANGOLA ISSUE  
WHEN HE CAME TO JAMAICA IN NEW YEAR 1976.  
THE INVASION OF ETHIOPIAN SOIL BY SOMALIA IS A DIRECT  
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RESULT OF THE ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN THEM BY THE AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT WHICH IS TOTALLY AGAINST THE ETHIOPIAN  
REVOLUTION FOR GIVING LAND TO THE POOR AND  
FOR REMOVING THE UNITED STATES MILITARY BASE FROM ETHIOPIA.  
AS A RESULT OF THIS AMERICAN ENCOURAGEMENT, SOMALIA  
REJECTED THE PERSONAL EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO  
TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE DISPUTE AND WENT AHEAD

WITH THE AMERICAN-BACKED PLAN TO INVADE ETHIOPIA. THIS AMERICAN PLAN WAS TO USE SOMALIA TO CARVE UP ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY AS A MEANS OF TOPPLING THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND CHECKING THE ADVANCE OF SOCIALISM IN ETHIOPIA. SOCIALIST ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA IS HELPING TO BLOCK THIS PLAN JUST AS IT HELPED TO BLOCK THE PLAN OF AMERICA AND SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST ANGOLA IN 1975. THE WORKERS LIBERATION LEAGUE CALLS ON ALL PEOPLE WHO HOLD THE AFRICAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE AT HEART, TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO SOCIALIST ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA, JUST AS THEY SUPPORTED THE ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA IN 1975. INSTEAD OF TRYING TO PRESSURE THE MANLEY GOVERNMENT TO CRITICIZE CUBA, THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD PUT THE PRESSURE ON SOMALIA TO IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW ALL ITS TROOPS FROM ETHIOPIAN SOIL AS THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO END THE FIGHTING. END QUOTE.  
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